

HOUSE BILL 420

By Harris

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 40,
relative to cash bail.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1.

(a) There is created an ad hoc committee to review the current laws and policies this state has regarding cash bail. The ad hoc committee consists of the following members:

(1) The prime sponsors of this bill in the house of representatives and the senate;

(2) The chair of the criminal justice committee of the house of representatives;

(3) The chair of the judiciary committee of the senate;

(4) Five (5) house representative members appointed by the speaker of the house of representative, at least two (2) of the members must be from the minority party; and

(5) Four (4) senate members appointed by the speaker of the senate, at least one (1) of the members must be from the minority party.

(b) The chair of the judiciary committee of the senate shall call the first meeting of the ad hoc committee no later than August 1, 2021.

(c) The members of the ad hoc committee are authorized to receive the same per diem and travel allowance provided by law for members of the general assembly in attending meetings of the general assembly and committees.

(d) The ad hoc committee shall review:

(1) Current laws, rules, and policies regarding the cash bail system in this state;

(2) The procedures involving cash bail;

(3) The impact that cash bail has on the citizens of this state; and

(4) Cash bail procedures implemented in other states.

(e) The ad hoc committee shall report its findings and recommendations regarding the cash bail system in this state to the members of the general assembly by January 15, 2022, at which time the ad hoc committee ceases to exist.

SECTION 2. This act takes effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.